

DECISION RECORD  
and  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
for  
KODIAK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (KSWCD)  
17(b) EASEMENT TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

I. Decision:

It is my decision to issue a Notice to Proceed to authorize Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District (KSWCD) to improve about a 700' by 6.5' wide strip of the existing 25' wide trail located on the 17(b) easement extending from Kalsin Bay to Summit Lake. Geoblock Porous Pavement System will be placed on the ground with work scheduled to commence on August 18, 2002.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

A portion of a 17(b) easement trail has rutting, damage to the vegetation, surface erosion and stream bank erosion caused by extensive all-terrain vehicle (ATV) activity. KSWCD has submitted a plan of development to provide procedures for maintenance and improvement of public access trail easements. Maintenance of the trail will reduce rutting and erosion.

No land use plan exists for this area. However, this environmental analysis will assess the impacts of the Proposed Action and provides a basis for a decision on the proposal [43 CFR 1610.8(b)(1)].

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The decision will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. No further analysis is necessary at this time.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Compliance and Monitoring Plan:

Upon completion, the improvements will be inspected annually. KSWCD will make repairs on an as needed basis. In addition, BLM staff from the Anchorage Field Office will monitor the trail within the first year after construction to assess if invasive, non-native species have propagated as a result of soil disturbance.

/s/ June Bailey, Associate  
Anchorage Field Manager

08-14-02  
Date

Attachments

- 1-Environmental Assessment (AK-040-02-EA-027)
- 2-Stipulations
- 3-Maps (2)

**STIPULATIONS**

1. No activities will be conducted on the 17(b) easement without the prior written authorization of the BLM in the form of a Notice to Proceed.
2. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by KSWCD, or any person working on its behalf, shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. The Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values.